

### REMARKS

We are in receipt of the Office Action dated October 17, 2003, and the above amendment and following remarks are made in light thereof.

Claims 1-3, 6-16 and 18-20 are pending in the application. Pursuant to the Office Action, claims 6 and 11 are objected to for having a lack of antecedent basis for "the pixel electrode". Claims 13-16 and 18 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Yokomizu JP 10-073813. Claims 1-3, 6, and 8-11 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yokomizu in view of Nagayama et al. U.S. 5,680,187. Claims 7, 12, 19 and 20 stand rejected for obviousness over the same two references. These rejections were made final.

With regard to the informalities in claims 6 and 11, these claims have been amended so that "the pixel electrode" now reads "a pixel electrode," as the examiner proposed.

With regard to the rejection of claims 13-16 and 18 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Yokomizu, Yokomizu discloses a shielding portion comprising red, and blue colored layers, said shielding portion being a trapezoidal shape (Figs. 1 and 4). However, Yokomizu fails to disclose the claimed feature "a light shielding portion consisting essentially of a first colored layer and a second colored layer" of claim 13.

The claimed feature has an advantage: "However, like the present invention, if only two colored layers are laminated into one, this is a level which hardly influences the flatness of the substrate and the liquid crystal layers," as described in p.8, 1.8 - 1.10 of the specification. Therefore, the amended claim 13 fully distinguishes over Yokomizu. Claim 13 has also been amended for clarification.

With respect to the rejections of claims 14-16 and 18, the same reasons set forth above apply. Additionally, the claimed feature of claim 14 has a further advantage: "As shown in Table. 1 and Fig. 3, the transmittivity of the R+B (corresponding to the light shielding portion 15) layer becomes 7% or less in the visible light region (in a 400 to 700 nm wavelength region), which sufficiently functions as a light shielding mask," as described in p.7, 1.22 - p.8, 1.2 of the specification.

With regard to the rejection of Claims 1-3, 6 and 8-11 as being unpatentable over Yokomizu in view of Nagayama et al., Yokomizu discloses a shielding portion comprising red, and blue colored layers, said shielding portion being a trapezoidal shape (Figs. 1 and 4). Nagayama discloses TFT with a channel region. However, as set forth above, Yokomizu fails to disclose the claimed feature of "a light shielding portion consisting essentially of a first colored layer and a second colored

layer". Again, as set forth above, the claimed feature has an advantage: "However, like the present invention, if only two colored layers are laminated into one, this is a level which hardly influences the flatness of the substrate and the liquid crystal layers." Therefore, even if Yokomizu and Nagayama are combined, amended claim 1 can not be achieved. Note that claims 1 and 8 also are amended for clarification.

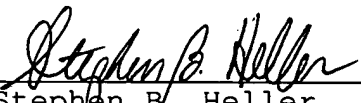
With respect to the rejection of claims 2-3, 6, 8-11, 7, 12, 19 and 20, the same reasons apply. Additionally, the claimed feature of claims 2 and 9 has an advantage: "As shown in Table. 1 and Fig. 3, the transmittivity of the R+B (corresponding to the light shielding portion 15) layer becomes 7% or less in the visible light region (in a 400 to 700 nm wavelength region), which sufficiently functions as a light shielding mask," as described in p.8, 1.22 - p.9, 1.2 of the specification.

Note that claims 7, 12, 19 and p.39, L.7 of the specification have been amended to correct errors in them.

An amended Fig.16 also accompanies this amendment. In the amended drawing, the lead line from reference numbered 1004 has been corrected.

Based upon the foregoing, applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and an early Office Action in this regard is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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